

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds
pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and
Telecommunications Act § 254(e) Federal
Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications
Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission
CC Docket No. 96-45
(SCPSC Docket No. 2006-180-C)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers [rural incumbent local exchange carriers and competitive carriers classified as eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in an area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier] will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

Federal high cost support is administered by USAC. USAC has contracted with NECA to assist in data collection necessary for the remittance

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of universal service funds. Thus, each of South Carolina's rural LECs submits, no less frequently than annually, detailed information requested by NECA in the USF data collection process. The information that is submitted by rural carriers must be attested to by the companies. Further, NECA and its auditors must attest to the validity and integrity of NECA's process. The information provided in response to all of the universal service fund mechanisms utilizes FCC accounts for regulated costs and must be in compliance with FCC rules in Parts 32, 36, 54 and 64.

Given the existing checks and balances, along with the fact that the certification is prospective in nature (i.e., the certification filed in October is for the following calendar year), the SCTC believes that self-certification from South Carolina's rural LECs is appropriate, and that the Commission may rely on such certification. The SCTC believes that safeguards are already in place, including audits of the information that is submitted to USAC and the FCC, to ensure that the basis for the calculation of the funds is appropriate.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2009, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2010. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2009, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with newly-promulgated Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C) (published in *The State Register* and effective on June 26, 2009).

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Very Truly Yours

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P. A.



Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.
Doug Pratt
Company representatives (See Distribution List)

ATTACHMENT A

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>STUDY AREA NUMBER</u>
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone as its Vice President & General Manager, Residential. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Bluffton Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

ANDREW REIN
VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL
MANAGER, RESIDENTIAL

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

MELODY J. TOLFORD
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My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

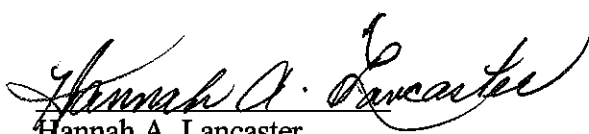
COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Hannah A. Lancaster
President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 30 day of June 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Annette Williams
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 18, 2017

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David Brunt. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


David Brunt
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

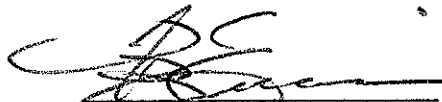
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:


1. My name is F. Bradley Erwin. I am employed by Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

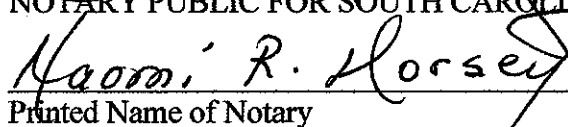
2. Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


F. Bradley Erwin
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2009.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA


Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 29, 2014

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Fort Mill Telephone Company

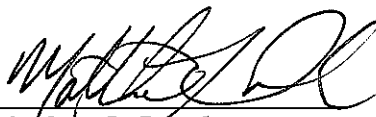
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Fort Mill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Fort Mill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Matthew L. Dosch

Senior Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.

Theresa H. Grant

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT & JASPER

COMPANY: HARGRAY TELEPHONE COMPANY
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Hargray Telephone as its Vice President & General Manager, Residential. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
2. Hargray Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



ANDREW REIN
VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL
MANAGER, RESIDENTIAL

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21ST day of July 2009.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

MELODY J. TOLFORD
Notary Public, State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

COMPANY: HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is William S. Helmly. I am employed by Home Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its President and COO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Home Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Will S. Helmly
President and COO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 29 day of June 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Gloria J. Kemmerer
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3/9/16.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF *HORRY*

COMPANY: *HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.*

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is *M. O'Neal Miller, Jr.* I am employed by *Horry Telephone* (the "Company") as its *Chief Executive- Financial Operations*.. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. *Horry Telephone* hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


M. O'Neal Miller, Jr.

Chief Executive- Financial Operations

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22nd day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Nancy V. Moore
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 16, 2017

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

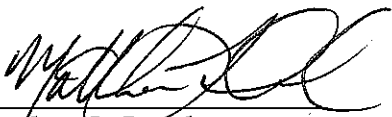
COMPANY: Lancaster Telephone Company
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Lancaster Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Matthew L. Dosch
Senior Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.

Theresa H. Grant
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

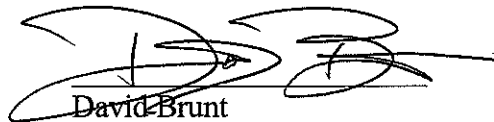
COMPANY: LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David Brunt. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David Brunt
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21ST day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

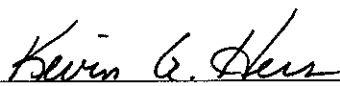
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

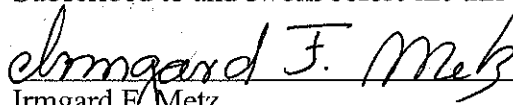
2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin G. Hess
Senior Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of July, 2009.



Irmgard F. Metz
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

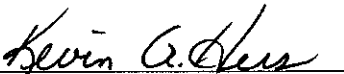
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

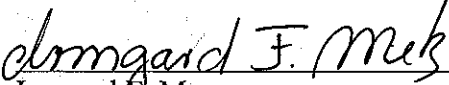
2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin G. Hess
Senior Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 12th day of July, 2009



Irmgard F. Metz
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF: United States

COMPANY: Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

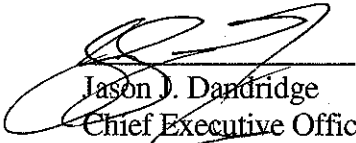
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jason J. Dandridge. I am employed by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Jason J. Dandridge
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 15 day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Myra T. Robinson
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 7/25/2017

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: PIEDMONT RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:


1. My name is Randal J. Odom. I am employed by Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. COMPANY hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Randal J. Odom
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of JULY 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
Jennifer C. Murphy
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8-06-09

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT Telecom, Inc.

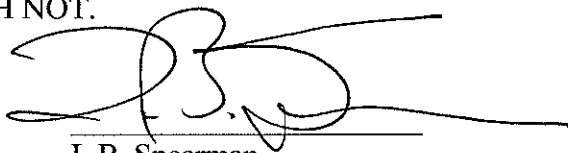
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. PBT Telecom, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

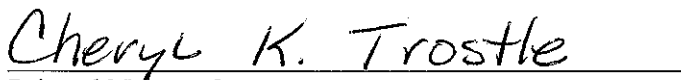


L.B. Spearman

Vice president and Chief Regulatory Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA


Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 24, 2010

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David Brunt. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David Brunt
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Rock Hill Telephone Company

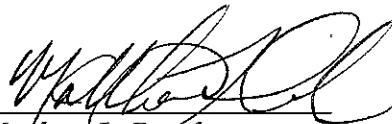
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240542

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Rock Hill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Rock Hill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Matthew L. Dosch
Senior Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21st day of July 2009.

Theresa H. Grant
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD


COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Irvin B. Williams. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Irvin B. Williams
Irvin B. Williams
General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 30 day of June 2009.

Raymond H. Fisher
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Raymond H. Fisher
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Oct 30, 2010

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

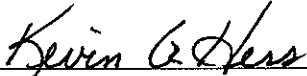
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

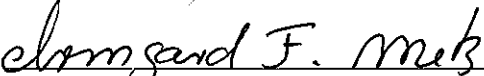
2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin G. Hess
Senior Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of July, 2009.



Irmgard F. Metz
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

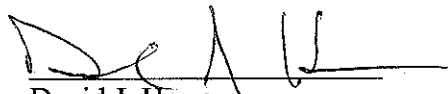
COMPANY: West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is DAVID J. HERRON. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

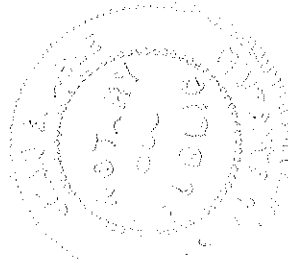

David J. Herron
CEO/GM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2009.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Jean D. Able
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: February 25, 2010



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

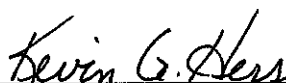
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

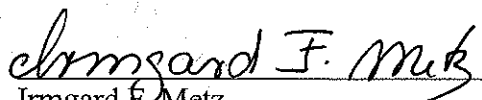
2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin G. Hess
Senior Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of July, 2009.



Irmgard F. Metz
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011